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COTTON CONTINUES TO PROGRESS AHEAD OF AVERAGE

As of July 16, **Cotton** squaring remains ahead of last year and the 5 year average. **Cotton** was reported as 100 percent squared, compared to 97 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5 year average. **Cotton** setting bolls was reported as 64 percent complete, compared to 53 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5 year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity tapered off slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 58 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 29 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 21 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 10 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State were average for the week of July 16. Temperatures ranged from 2 degree above normal at Safford to 2 degrees below normal at Gila Bend, and Yuma. The highest temperatures of the week was 110 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 42 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at five stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.62 inches at Prescott to 0.02 inches at Safford.

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **beauty, flames and perlette grapes, cantaloupes, honeydews, watermelons** and **zante currants**. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **thompson grapes, honeydew, and watermelons**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JULY 9-JULY 15, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	1	98	43	0.00	3.10	3.89
Casa Grande	91	1	107	73	0.07	2.19	3.20
Coolidge	90	0	110	68	0.00	2.41	3.55
Douglas	79	0	94	63	0.46	4.28	3.92
Flagstaff	66	0	85	45	0.00	6.68	10.42
Gila Bend	94	-2	109	70	0.00	2.25	2.44
Grand Canyon	67	-1	89	42	0.00	6.55	7.02
Kingman	83	0	100	62	0.00	2.22	4.24
Parker	94	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.66	1.93
Payson	76	1	98	55	0.00	7.34	9.23
Phoenix	94	0	107	80	0.00	3.56	3.05
Prescott Airport	75	-1	91	55	0.62	4.55	5.20
Safford Ag Center	83	2	102	67	0.02	1.47	3.16
Tucson	87	0	102	70	0.26	3.00	3.94
Willcox	79	1	96	62	0.00	3.01	4.11
Winslow	78	0	97	56	0.00	2.15	2.88
Yuma	94	-2	106	75	0.00	0.30	1.05

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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